

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for division multiplexing of optical signals, the method comprising:
5 modulating at least one wavelength of a carrier of optical information, by optical frequency division multiplexing said at least one wavelength.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein said modulating comprises modulating at least one wavelength of a wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) carrier of optical information.
3. The method according to claim 1 wherein said modulating comprises creating at
10 least one additional optical information carrier on said at least one wavelength of said carrier.
4. The method according to claim 1 wherein said modulating comprises creating a plurality of sub-channels on said at least one wavelength of said carrier.
5. The method according to claim 4 wherein said creating comprises creating a
15 plurality of sub-channels that carry different amounts of optical information.
6. The method according to claim 4 wherein said creating comprises creating a plurality of sub-channels that have different bandwidth sizes.
7. The method according to claim 4 wherein said modulating comprises controlling
20 allocation of at least one of bandwidth size and optical information capacity to at least one user.
8. The method according to claim 1 wherein said modulating comprises operating at a data rate of around 1 GHz.
9. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising frequency up-converting, in an optical domain, optical information emanating from a laser
25 channel of said carrier.
10. The method according to claim 9 wherein said up-converting comprises up-converting said optical information with a frequency different than a frequency of said carrier.

11. The method according to claim 9 wherein said up-converting comprises up-converting said optical information with a carrier frequency uniquely associated with an address of a receiver of said optical information.
12. The method according to claim 10 wherein said up-converting comprises up-converting with a resonant electro-optical modulator.
13. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising adding a sub-channel to said carrier while in an optical domain.
14. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising dropping a sub-channel to said carrier while in an optical domain.
- 10 15. The method according to claim 10 and further comprising frequency down-converting, in an optical domain, the up-converted optical information.
16. The method according to claim 15 wherein said down-converting comprises down-converting with a resonant electro-optical modulator.
17. The method according to claim 4 wherein said creating a plurality of sub-channels comprises splitting a laser output of a laser by an optical splitter.
- 15 18. The method according to claim 4 wherein said modulating comprises modulating said optical information externally with an external modulator.